

The Herald

GOOD SAMARIAN United Methodist Church

March 2025



From the Pastor

March 5th is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a sacred season in the Christian calendar, observed as a time of prayer, fasting, and spiritual renewal. It begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for forty days, excluding Sundays, leading up to Easter Sunday. This period mirrors the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness, preparing for His public ministry.

Lent is a time for us to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. Prayer strengthens faith and draws us closer to God. Fasting is an act of self-discipline, helping us detach from worldly distractions. Charity expresses love for others, reflecting Christ's compassion and generosity.

On Ash Wednesday at 7pm we will have an opportunity to receive ashes, a symbol of repentance and humility. The ashes are a reminder of our mortality which for some can seem depressing. But that reminder is important, because as followers of Christ we also know that this life is not all there is. Easter is still coming, where in a powerful display God overcame sin and death.

But in order to truly appreciate that, we have to first journey through Lent. So that we can acknowledge our reliance on God. C.S. Lewis once wrote, "Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done." Lent reminds us that faith is a continual journey, one that requires self-examination and humility.

This Lenten season there are multiple opportunities to engage with our faith. Through our sermon series and in small groups, we will be exploring Adam Hamilton's "The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed The World" There are three small group opportunities that you can be a part of to further engage your faith. On March 22nd we will also be organizing a trip to Feed My Starving Children. You can find additional details on all of these opportunities in this newsletter.

May this sacred season draw us into deeper communion with God and prepare us to celebrate the resurrection of Christ with renewed hearts.

Blessings,

Pastor Singh

Important Dates March

*choir practice every Saturday 9:30AM *Every Sunday 9AM Sunday School 10AM worship service 1st Sun. of every monthcommunion is served *March 2nd-Potluck after worship service *March 4th-Trustees 7PM *March 5th-Ash Wednesday Service 7PM *March 12th-UMW Meet 6PM-off site *March 16th-Worship Team after Worship Service *March 22nd-Feed My Starving Children 12-2PM *March 25th- Council/ Finance Meet 6:30PM

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Date Name 1 Nida de Guzman 1 Connor Jackson 5 Carol Schlagel 8 Jacob Manglicmot 9 Maryann Hurtado Chavez 17 Steve Keegan 19 Will McCaleb 21 Rachel Cook 22 George Wentworth 22 Bryan Pacheco 25 Kaden Hamm

Mike Campbell

Dylan Delawder

Ryan Jeschke

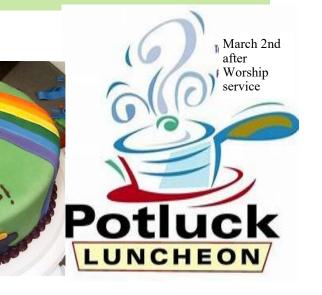
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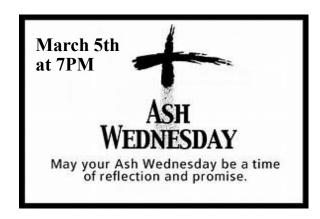
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Why do we celebrate Transfiguration Sunday? The festival celebrates the revelation of the eternal glory of the Second Person of the Trinity, which was normally veiled during Christ's life on earth. According to tradition, the event took place on Mount Tabor.

Please join us for Potluck Luncheon on March 2nd after worship service What can you bring to share? FELLOWSHIP TIME!!!! Celebrating our March birthdays



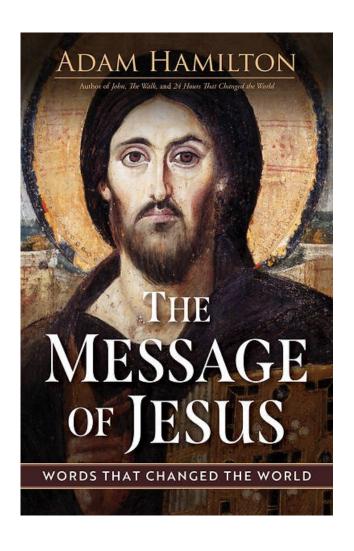
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday



All Are Welcome-Lent Bible Studies-

Thursday mornings at 10:30AM-in person. Begins on March 6th by Adam Hamilton / The Message of Jesus-Words That Changed the World—There will also be an online bible study. If you are interested please let us know. Begins on Monday at 7PM on March 10th—We can hold an in person evening bible study if we have enough interest-it would begin on March 12th at 6:30 or 7PM. You may order your books (suggestions)

from Cokesbury.com, Amazon.com, Thriftbooks.com, Christian book.com or





Ways to make a Donation

1. Go to our Website:

<u>www.goodsamaritanumc.com</u>

Click on tab for donations

- 2. Zelle with our church email. goodsamaritanumc@sbcglobal.net
 - 3. Mail them in.
 - 4. Offering plate



You are invited to join us for our Mission outing.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO JOIN US "MISSION SALT CREEK CLUSTER" FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN ON MARCH 22nd 12 TO 2:00 PM

740 Wiley Farm Ct, Schaumburg, IL 60173 WE NEED A HEAD COUNT-BY March 15th- THANKS SO MUCH Reserve your spot at link below-copy and paste to your browser

Click this link to sign up deadline to register is March 15th.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48A9A72CA7F49-54799368-2025#/



Doing Spring Cleaning? Have any items to donate. Let us know-Call church at 630-543-3725

Coming April 25th & 26th 9AM to 3:00PM

March meetings.

You are invited to all. If you have questions call the church at 630-543-3725.

*Trustees Tuesday March 4th at 7PM

*UMW-United Women in Faith meet March 12th—6PM supper 7PM meeting. All women invited. Please call the church for location. We would love to have you join us.-you do not have to be a member to join us.

*Worship Team meeting-March 16th after worship service

*Church Council/ Finance March 25th at 6:30PM

Food For The Soul-COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

When: Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30PM

Where: Good Samaritan UMC at 960 W. Army Trail Blvd. Addison, IL. 60101



Sunrise Montessori Academy

The Sunrise Montessori Academy is a state-licensed program for **children ages 3-6**. Sunrise offers an educational and caring environment Monday-Friday.



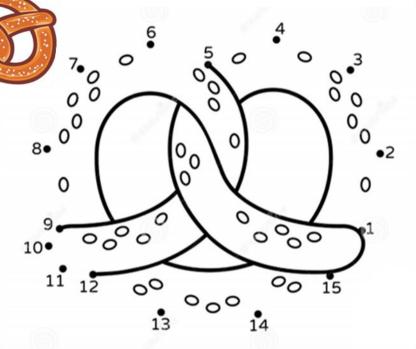
For more information on enrollment, contact Inderjit Singh at (630) 628-9000.

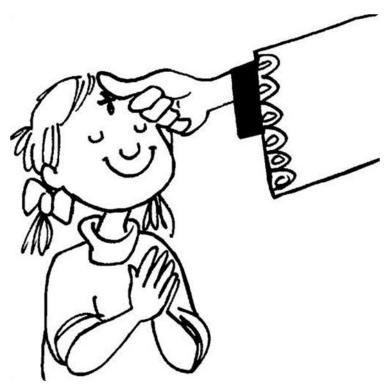
Kid's

Did you know that pretzels are a tradition during Lent? A very long time ago, in the early 600's, a monk was in

the kitchen where other monks were baking a special bread for LENT, and he saw some leftover pieces of dough. This monk decided to use the leftover pieces of dough for something special. He formed the dough into thin strips crossed into a looped twist to be like the folded arms of children in prayer. The simple shape of the pretzel, arms folded in prayer, reminds us to pray every day.

Corner





On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads in the shape of a cross.

Word Search

Find these words related to Lent:

Jesus Prayer
Lent Fasting
Purple Love
Forty Days

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Happenings in April Holy Week



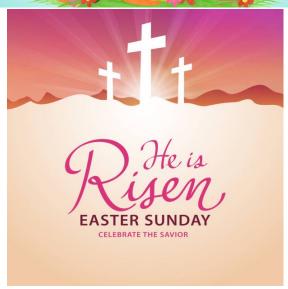
Sunday, April 13th 10:00AM Worship Service- Palm Sunday



Friday, April 18th 7:00PM Good Friday Service 1st UMC of Elmhurst 232 S York St Elmhurst, IL 60126



Join us- Saturday, April 19th from 9:30 to 10:30AM Continental Breakfast Easter Egg Hunt - 10:30AM



Sunday, April 20th 8:15AM to 9:30AM
Easter breakfast
Easter Sunday Worship Service
10:00AM in person or
on Face Book live

https://www.facebook.com/ GoodSamUMCAddison

Each year the sanctuary is adorned with Spring Flowers. Please help decorate our sanctuary. Dedication forms for in Memory of or in Honor of your Loved ones coming in April

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Worship Service on line
"Facebook Live" Sundays 10AM
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Love God · Connect with Others · Serve the World

- Church every Sunday 10AM in person and on Facebook live
- Sunday School Classes for all ages every Sunday at 9AM

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Join us for cake to celebrate March birthdays

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